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NSC BRIEFING

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INDOCHINA TRUCE VIOLATIONS

I. Viet Minh in Laos clearly violated  
Article 2 specifying 6 Aug cease-fire.

A. Laos Legation told press 16  
Sept protest filed Intl Comm  
over "violent" attacks on  
Laotian forces 8, 9, 10 Sept.

B. Army attaché reports incidents,  
probably same, as two in Phong  
Saly province, one in Sam Neua  
province.

These provinces Pathet Lao  
concentration areas, where  
Viet Minh considers Lao  
troops "bandits" and wants  
no Lao govt influence.

But Lao Geneva declaration  
asserted royal govt's

continued admin<sup>n</sup> ration there

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II. In Vietnam, series less publicized incidents reported by army attaché.

- A. 2 Aug, 300 guerrillas attacked post near Haiphong.
- B. 13 Aug, Vietnamese troops ambushed South Vietnam.
- C. 14 Aug, another ambush in south.
- D. 15 Aug, destruction railway guardpost near Nhatrang.
- E. 15-21 Aug, several attacks Central, South Vietnam.

III. Viet Minh also violated Article 17 Vietnam agreement banning reinforcing war materiel.

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IV. Viet Minh violating Article 21 Vietnam agreement specifying POW repatriation.

A. Has released 9,635 troops of  
55,000 French say unaccounted for.

V. For Cambodia, Article 5 specifies demob local dissidents by 23 Aug.

A. Viet Minh still not complying.

B. In fact, French say enemy  
issuing new arms these  
dissidents.

VI. Communists, for their part, made counter-charge 21 Sept.

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A. Peiping radio said protest  
made Joint Commission over  
French massacre Central  
Vietnam resulting 74  
civilians killed, 56  
wounded.

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